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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kiamars Hajizadeh and Zakir S. Murtaza

Application No.:

09/992,533

Confirmation No.: 4433

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Rapid Prion-Detection Device, System,

and Test Kit

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## PETITION FOR 2 MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Dear Sir:

Applicants in the above-identified Application request a two (2) month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action of September 1, 2004. The shortened statutory period of response was set to expire on December 1, 2004. With this Extension, the time to respond is now set at February 1, 2005. Applicants submit herewith a check in the amount of \$225 for the two-month extension fee. This petition is being filed to maintain co-pendency between the present application and a divisional application being filed concurrently on this date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit our Account No. 23-0280 for any payment deficiencies in this matter.

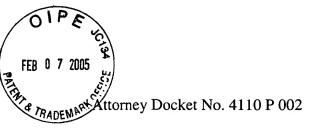
Dated:

February 1, 2005

Respectfully submitted

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